

Question for written answer E-006323/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Arbitrary detentions in Equatorial Guinea

In March this year, Amnesty International and EG Justice publicly denounced the detention of the opponent of Equatorial Guinea's dictatorial regime, Luis Nzo, for distributing leaflets denouncing the arbitrary detention, deportation and restriction of the freedom of movement (without due process) of opposition leader Guillermo Nguema.

This is yet another case which demonstrates the constant persecution suffered by human rights defenders and democratic opponents to the Obiang regime.

1. Is VP/HR Federica Mogherini aware that in Equatorial Guinea human rights are not respected, democratic opponents of the regime are persecuted and the fundamental freedoms of its population completely undermined?
2. As Equatorial Guinea is a country in which some EU Member States have considerable economic interests, has the VP/HR been pressurised into not taking action against Teodoro Obiang's dictatorship?
3. What action is the VP/HR going to take to demand the release of the detained opponents of the regime?